

County of San Diego

DPLU Update

March 2011

IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar. 4 <u>GP Update: Steering</u> Committee Meeting

Mar.16 Board of Supervisors:

Continued General Plan

Update Hearing

For more information and additional upcoming meetings, please visit the Calendar on the General Plan Update Web Site.

Advance Planning News

General Plan Update

March 16th Board of Supervisors Staff Report Now Available

The March 16th Board of Supervisors staff report is now available on the <u>GP Update website</u> for public viewing. This report contains responses to questions raised by the Board on February 9, 2011 and refinements to the previous staff report based on public and staff review. On March 16th, staff will provide a presentation that summarizes the staff report. Presentations from Keyser Marston Associates, SANDAG, and the County Groundwater Geologist are also planned to respond to previous comments. Public testimony on the General Plan Update remains closed; however staff continues to work with the public on comments, concerns, and questions. Staff can be contacted at <u>gpupdate@sdcounty.ca.gov</u> or 858-694-2488.

The Board of Supervisors has held four days of public hearings on the General Plan Update, on Oct. 20, 2010, Nov. 10, 2010, Dec. 8, 2010 and Feb. 9, 2011. Video replays of all of the meetings are available for public viewing at the County's <u>Board Meeting Video</u> page. In addition, all of the General Plan Update materials that have been presented to the Board of Supervisors are available for review at the Department of Planning and Land Use's (DPLU) General Plan Update web site at: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/bos-oct2010.html.

Policy and Ordinance Development

Board Directs Staff to Explore Options for Updating Equine Regulations

On March 2, 2011, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to work with the equine community and other interested parties to investigate options that would protect and promote horse-related operations within the unincorporated County. DPLU will report back to the Board within 120 days to discuss various options, including the possible creation of a tiered equine ordinance and other applicable ordinance changes. For questions about the proposed equine ordinance please contact Carl Stiehl at cstiehl@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)

MSCP is now under Advance Planning!

Members of DPLU's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) staff have joined the Advance Planning Division. The move comes after the retirement of MSCP chief, longtime-County-employee, and invaluable-local-biological-guru, Tom Oberbauer. Advance Planning Chief Devon Muto will now supervise DPLU's MSCP efforts. The MSCP is a regional conservation program that seeks to preserve San Diego's native habitats and wildlife by working across political boundaries and ensures compliance with the federal and state regulations. DPLU MSCP staff is currently working on preparing the North County Plan and an amendment to add the federally endangered Quino checkerspot butterfly to the list of species covered by the South County Subarea Plan. For Bobbie Stephenson 858-694-3680 auestions please contact at bobbie.stephenson@sdcounty.ca.gov

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